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Dear Secretaries Adams and Kawamura, and Directors Warmerdam and Denton:

I am writing in regard to the State of California's proposed eradication plan for the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM).

I have received numerous letters, emails, and phone calls from constituents, including local elected officials and environmental organizations, about LBAM. They have expressed concern with the California Department of Food and Agriculture's eradication plan, particularly with regard to the aerial application of CheckMate.

I understand that LBAM has the potential to become a very serious pest that has the ability to affect many crops and ornamental and native plants in areas where it could become established. However, I am troubled to hear the number of concerns about impacts to human health that aerial applications may bring.

This is a critically important issue to the residents of California. I strongly believe that the state agencies involved in the eradication of LBAM all need to be fully aware of health impacts that aerial application of CheckMate may have on human health.

I respectfully submit copies of the correspondence that I have received from my constituents on this issue for your consideration. Please inform Jennifer Tang, in my San Francisco office, of any developments regarding my constituents' concerns.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boxer

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